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among the enemy troops, who are hindered by heavy rains.

There is little doubt but that the new German tanks are proving a disappointment, developing various defects in actual service. Their ponderous weight makes manœuvring overbad ground difficult. Generally they are much inferior to those of the British

Foe to Suffer More Checks in West, Says French Expert

PARIS, May 5 .- Henry Bidou writes in the "Journal des Debats": "Four times during April the enemy was checked by a vigorous resistance at the moment he had made a thrust. This fourfold check will in the evolution of the battle be the characteristic feature of this month.

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"The enemy has from the beginning of April known only an alternative of success or reverse. To be sure, he succeeded in capturing positions, but he either lost them the following day or when trying to take advantage of his success he was checked by a rude blow. The fight is now for observatories, such as Villers-Bretonneux or Scherpenberg, as it was in 1916. The mere fact of having forced the enemy to confine himself to these costly partial objectives, where his divisions melt away and his spirits break down hefore new obstacles, is a success that will count for much in the destiny of the battle.

"It would, however, be imprudent to imagine that we will not have to suffer furious shocks on the part of the Germany army.."

"There is no doubt," writes M. Gerville-Réache in "L'Homme Libre," "that we have still before us some painful hours, because Germany has not yet exhausted her rage of destruction and is not yet at the end of the sinister scheme put into execution in 1914; but this is the only anxiety we entertain. For our Allies undoubtedly are ready for the maximum effort in order to lay low this bloodthirsty beast; and as to us, our confidence has not been lowered for a single instant. We know that, though the Central Empires will not be lacking reserves, they are not inexhaustible like ours."

Americans Travel

Americans Travel Down Piave River Between Two Lines

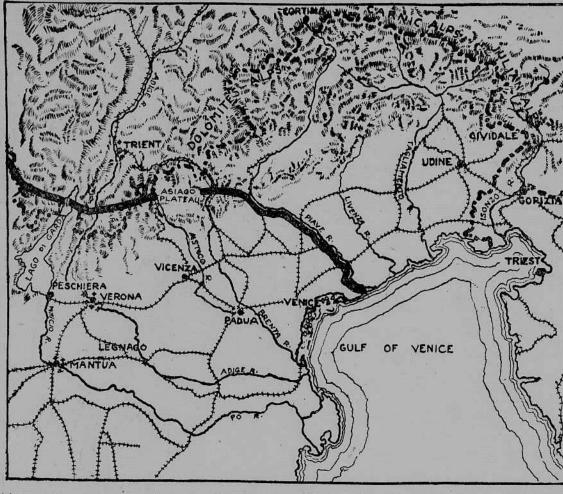
(By The Associated Press)
ITALIAN FRONT, April 20.—Three Americans have just enjoyed the un-usual experience of taking a motor-boat ride on the Piave River, the dividing line between the Austrian and Italian fronts. They are probably the only They are Harvey Carroll, jr., the United States Consul in Venice; Major Guy Lowell and Captain William Hereford, of the American Red Cross. Major Lowell and Captain Hereford were in Venice to inspect the distribution of gifts of useful articles to soldiers on the marine front. The trip on the Piave was arranged by the Italian general commanding the headquarters near Venice.

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THE PRESENT ITALIAN BATTLE LINE

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After nearly seven months of comparative quiet, a new Teuton drive seems approaching on the Italian battlefront. In the Austro-German drive of last autumn, the Italians were forced back to the line of the Piave River. The present battle line follows the river northwest to the mountains, thence across the Asiago plateau and into the southern part of the Trentino.

U.S. Guns Smash German Move to Seize Old Trench

Americans who have been on a boat on certain sections of the targets in the the Piave since the fall of Caporetto, enemy rear area. This is the same

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"The trip was one of extreme interest," said Captain Hereford. "It was necessary to pass the barriers before getting out into the Piave River. Once there the feeling was of being out in the open between your own men and the enemy. As a matter of fact, the Italians were a few miles further to the north, where they are bravely holding the line against all assaults.

"Major Lowell indicated on the slopes of the riverbank what looked to be brown cactus leaves. It was really cheveaux de frise, with sharp-pointed spikes which would make a very painful and difficult object to get over. They were planted on the shores as thickly as flowers in a garden.

"We climbed an ascent and had a remarkable view of what is one of the most interesting battlefields in history. Fire miles to the north two lines were fronting each other, and constantly one heard the boom of guns and could see the clouds of smoke from bursting shells. Villages that had been ruined by bombardment were clearly discernible. From the Austrian lines the 'sausages,' or stationary balloons, were reseen rising for observation. Airplanes' seen rising for observation.

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"It is hard to imagine any battle-field with mountains and plain laid out so clearly and distinctly to an observer. The defences of the land-the marshy ground, the lagoons, the canals, the plateau and the mountains—all gave the conviction that the Austrians and Germans had come as far as they ever would come.

"More even than the natural defences, however, was the morale to be found among the men. Ability to resist and the spirit to conquer were in evidence among all of the men we saw on the marine front. They were very calm and very sure and very determined. They know the enemy will come no further, and ask themselves only how long it will be before the Austrians and Germans will give way and begin the retreat to their old stand behind the mountains.

"Everywhere there is the warmest wellong the Americans, and everywhere is heard expressed the wish that before long the Americans, and everywhere is heard expressed the wish that before long the Americans, and everywhere is heard expressed the wish that before long the Americans, and everywhere is heard expressed the wish that before long the Americans, and everywhere is heard expressed the wish that before long the Americans, and everywhere is heard expressed the wish that before long the Americans, and everywhere is heard expressed the wish that before long the Americans will come, as the French and English have done, to take their stand on the battle line of the same and the mountains.

"Everywhere there is the warmest wellong the American airplane who encountered the enemy over the lines at a height of 5,000 metres. The pair fought at the first report was from the gramm finally turning quickly, and, running into the direct line of the sun in his homeward way, getting clear.

Later one of the American photographics are included by the enemy airplanes. The American observer emptied one of his guns into one of the enemy airplanes. The American airplane circled one of the sun in his

Military Comment

By William L. McPherson

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The German offensive against Ypres has been held up for a full week. Last Monday von Armin's army suffered one of the bloodiest reverses of the war. It was like another Cold Harbor.

In this colossal contest a setback of that kind has only local consequences, for Grant could easily replace his losses. So he merely turned away from the shambles on the north side of the James River, crossed to the south of it and continued his campaign against Richmond by way of Petersburg. Hindenburg is disinclined to turn away from Ypres, for Ypres is a goal which he is trying to fix the German public's mind on. Yet the weefort lingers. Haste seems to cut less of a figure in the German schedule now than it did in the feverish weeks following March 21.

Yesterday's British bulletins reported only one German flutter in the Lys Valley salient. The Germans attacked at Hinges, on the south of the Warmin's army suffered one of the bloodiest and order."

MOSCOW, April 26.—Foreign Ministre there miles north of Bethune. They had been driven back a little at that point on Saturday and sought to restore their position. It was a purely local operation, and according to the British day statement it failed completely.

A belated report from Berlin speaks of an unsuccessful French attack on Mount Kemmel. The action referred to is probably the one in which the French a couple of days ago pushed forward some distance of the proposed points and the Christian and the Siberian authonous government. They are also loomous government. They are also loomous government. They are also connected to ward and the Siberian authonous government. They are also loomous government. They are also consequences for the ward of the Warmin's army submer to a desirable to the first study of the deliver for the three words of the Warmin's army submer for the Warmin's army On the present occasion, so far as all burg. Hindenburg is disinclined to turn away from Ypres, for Ypres is investigation shows, the Germans have a goal which he is trying to fix the German public's mind on. Yet the

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fence. The Allied armies have now had time to settle down in the new lines from which they cover Ypres. The same thing is true to an even larger extent in the Amiens sector, where the enemy has been absolutely passive for more than a week.

Yesterday's communiqué from Rome confirmed the earlier Austrian decisive, report of unusual activity along the front in Northern Italy. Both sides resentatives of Great Britain, France, All of the combats were indecisive, although one of the American machines returned with bullet holes in its wings and two others with holes torn by fragments of shells from antialreraft guns. How the Germans fared

to forget the glaring indiscretions of his letter to his French cousin, Prince
Sixtus, and facing also a domestic political crisis which has compelled
him to prorogue the Reichsrat.

Yet his visit, coupled with reports from Switzerland of fresh troop
movements in the Tyrol and the present flare-up along the entire Piave
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M. Tchitcherin also addressed to the

The Official Statements

NIGHT .- French troop's captured a number of prisoners in local fight-

DAY .- By successful minor enterprises carried out last night in the

Early this morning the enemy attacked the new positions gained by us

ing in the neighborhood of Locre during last night. With the exception of

artillery activity on both sides and local encounters at different points to-

neighborhood of Sailly-le-Sec and east of Hebuterne we effected improve-

Friday night northeast of Hinges and was repulsed. Our line is intact.

The artillery has been active on both sides on the Lys battlefront.

PARIS, May 5 .- The War Office to-day issued the following:

NIGHT.—There was intermittent activity by the opposing artilleries north and south of the Avre River to-day, but there were no infantry en-

machines were disabled during the same days. On the night of May 3-4 our aviators effectively bombarded enemy establishments in a number of

sorties, 28,000 kilograms of projectiles being dropped upon the railway sta-

DAY .- The artillery on both sides was active north and south of the Avre, and also in the sectors of Douaumont (Verdun front) and Flirey Lorraine, near the American Toul sector). There was no infantry action.

In Lorraine a raiding operation was carried out by the French in the region of Letricourt. Patrol operations in the region of Anservillers re-

ROME, May 5 .- The statement issued by the War Office to-day says: DAY .- There has been increased intensity of the hostile harassing fire

Our artillery dispersed carrying parties in the St. Elvio area, fired with good effect on the Rovereto station, obtained direct hits on trains in the Conegliano station and caused a heavy explosion on the left bank of the

There were patrol actions on both sides between the Brenta and the

The activity of our aircraft has been intense. Caproni flights and

Last night our airships, reaching by surprise the railway stations at

Eight enemy machines were reported destroyed, two of which fell in

British airplanes, protected by numbers of chasers, dropped about nine

tons of bombs on the hydro-electric works at Cavedin, north of Mori. While this operation was in progress other machines renewed the bembing of the

Primolano and Bolzano, dropped their loads of bombs with good effect.

At the same time an airship of the royal navy engaged enemy columns on

tions of Ham, Novon, Chaulnes, Jussy, Péronne and St. Quentin.

The night was quiet on the remainder of the front. Hostile Fire Growing in Intensity, Rome Reports

aviation ground at Campo Maggiore, south of Lenico.

the Lagarina and Astico valleys and in the Foss-Alta sector.

sulted in the taking of prisoners.

the march beyond the Tagliamento.

During the days of May 3-4 nine German airplanes were brought down by our pilots. Two were shot down by our defensive fire and other enemy

ments in our line at these points and captured several prisoners.

We carried out a successful raid in the Forest-de-Nieppe sector.

Artillery Active Near American Sector, Paris Reports

day, there is nothing of special interest to report.

Says Ukraine Plotted Death LONDON, May 5 .- Field Marshal Haig to-day reported the follow-Of Germans

Von Payer Declares Massacre of High Officials Was Prevented

"Iron Hand" Rule Explained in Reichstag

Communistic Theories Are Blamed for Failure to Meet Food Agreement

Monday. The populace ran through the city crying out, "Let the French die," and 8,000, without distinction of rank, age or sex, were killed.)

Von Payer declared, according to Berlin dispatches, that the membership of the Committee of Safety included several Ukrainian ministers and that the committee held its meetings at the house of the War Minister. The Germans, he added, therefore, "took steps to render them harmless."

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asked to define their attitude toward the Soviet government and explain what the Minister alludes to as the attempts of their representatives to interfere with the internal life of Russia.

M. Tchitcherin submitted copies of the documents seized on the person of M. Kolodoff, a member in Vladivostok, of the Siberian autonomous governowers tok of the Siberian autonomous governowers, the Minister declares "establish incontrovertibly that the consular representatives of Great Britain, France, and America participated in this plot and that the diplomatic representatives of those powers in Peking negotiations have previously been got and America participated in this plot and that the diplomatic representatives of those powers in Peking negotiations have previously been got and America participated in this plot and that the diplomatic representatives of those powers in Peking negotiation shave previously been projected with a view to the declared in Bolshevik quarters to have been projected with a view to the declared in Bolshevik quarters to have been projected with a view to the substance of the Rada has recently an interfere with the internal life of Russian and the the purpose of the terfere with the internal life of Russian at tempts of these representatives of the person of M. Kolodoff, a member in Vladivostok, Chita, Haborovsk and Etrainin is a tempts of their tempts of the decuments seized on the person of M. Kolodoff, a member in Vladivostok, Chita, Haborovsk and Etrainin and Interfered that the journey to Harbin is a wery long one, with the result that many of those attention is puriety at terfieve with which we are tompted to an increasing extent. It undoubtedly had the merit of having organization and arrested the Ukrainian state and the Ukrainian state and the Ukrainian state and the Ukrainian state and the proposed land of the Ukrainian state and the proposed land to the Minister of the Siberian autonomous government."

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tire accord with the German decreed 'a state of enhance tion,' under which all offence

(By The Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, May 5.—The Imperial German Vice-Chancellor, Friedrich von Payer, speaking before the Main Com.

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LUSITANIA

uesday, May 7th, 4 p

German Vice-Chancellor, Friedrich von Payer, speaking before the Main Committee of the Reichstag yesterday, attempting to justify Germany's use of the iron hand in Ukrainia in the last few days, said prominent Ukrainians, under the title of the Committee of Safety, had been caught planning the assassination of all German officers, or, as the Vice-Chancellor phrased it, as sort of Sicilian vespers."

(Sicilian vespers is the term given to the massacre of the French in Sicily by the Sicilians, which began at Palermo on March 30, 1282; so-called from its commencement at vespers on Easter Monday. The populace ran through the site of the Germany's large and the promised in exchange.

Baron von der Bussche-He hausen, Under-Secretary for Raffairs, replying to criticisms, said further negotiations were pre at Kiev. He emphatically contraction was a supported by the pix large.

emptory order last Sunday repeller all constitutional rights in Ulan

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